

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | |
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| Rajiv DOSHI, et al. |) | |
| |) | Art Unit: 1745 |
| Serial No. 09/960,086 |) | |
| |) | Examiner: Walker, Keith D. |
| Filed: September 20, 2001 |) | |
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| For: COMPACT INTEGRATED SOLID |) | |
| OXIDE FUEL CELL SYSTEM |) | |

ELECTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on April 14, 2006, the Applicant makes the following election with traverse.

Restriction was required to one of four groups of claims:

- Group I: Claims 1 -- 10;
- Group II: Claims 11 -- 26;
- Group III: Claim 28 -- 37; and
- Group IV: Claim 27.

The Applicant elects the Group I claims, Claims 1 -- 10, with traverse as to the Group III claims, Claims 28 -- 37. As was noted, the claims are related as a process and an apparatus for its practice. The Examiner stated as follows:

In this case the process can be practiced by another materially different apparatus since the particulars of the apparatus are not required in the process such as a combustion chamber surrounding the fuel cell stack and a recuperator surrounding the fuel cell stack and the combustion chamber.

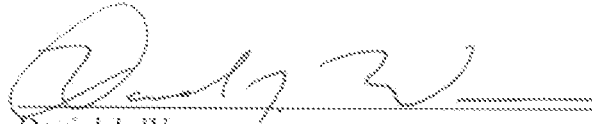
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The Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction because although the method claim does not recite the specific components, the claim does have method steps that would in fact require the use of these components or similar components, i.e., exchanging a first heat, exchanging a second heat, and enclosing the fuel cell stack. As such, the Applicant sees no undue burden on examining this group of claims. The Applicant also notes that the claims have been rejected under the same references in the last four (4) office actions without any indication that restriction was required.

CONCLUSION

Any questions may be directed to the undersigned at 1.404.853.8028. Allowance of all claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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